

PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant : Richard W. Armentrout  
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Commissioner for Patents  
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RESPONSE

Commissioner for Patents:

In response to the Office Action dated March 17, 2008, remarks are submitted herewith. In addition, the current claims have been listed for the Examiner's convenience.

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**Remarks** begin on page 3 of this paper.